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FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provided for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).



Application Number	09/614,524
Filing Date	07/12/02
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Group Art Unit	2651
Examiner Name	FABER, Alan
Attorney Docket Number	450100-02614

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under CFR 1.114.

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on 01/22/04
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(l) required)
- b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No.50-0320.
- b. A check in the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed for the following:
 - i. \$770.00 for RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
 - ii. \$0.00 for Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17): This is a petition to request a _____ -month extension of time.
 - iii. Other _____
- c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-referenced application, the undersigned attorney submitted a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) on February 12, 2004 in response to the Office Action dated September 12, 2003 and the Advisory Action dated February 5, 2004. In a

telephone discussion on September 15, 2004, the Examiner indicated that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office does not appear to have a copy of this RCE. As suggested by the Examiner, a copy of the RCE filed on February 12, 2004 is re-submitted herewith.

Attached are a copy of the United States Postal Service Express Mail label (No. ED 502446960 US) signed and dated February 12, 2004, and a copy of the return postcard stamped and dated February 12, 2004 by the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE) as an acknowledgment of receipt of the RCE by the Office.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this RCE be entered with a filing date of February 12, 2004. The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

Respectfully submitted,

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 Provisional Patent Application Cover Sheet
 Provisional Patent Application (pages)
 RCE Transmittal
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